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STATE POLICE RESPOND TO NUMEROUS MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS DUE TO DIESEL FUEL ON I-95

On Tuesday February 15th, 2005 at approximately 6:45 A.M. Troopers from the Troop G Barracks in Bridgeport responded to several motor vehicle accidents in the area between exits 51 and 53 on I-95, Northbound, in the towns of East Haven and Branford.

During the initial phase of these investigations it was determined that the accidents may have been the result of diesel fuel on the travel portion of the highway.

The investigation revealed that a tractor trailer truck had been traveling along I-95, in the area during this time period and unknowingly experienced damage to its fuel tank. Responding Troopers located this tractor trailer in the area of exit 56 on I-95, where it had apparently run out of fuel. It is estimated that approximately 75 to 100 gallons of diesel fuel had dispensed along the travel lanes of the highway.

This portion of I-95 from exit 50 to 53 was closed for over three hours while Troopers investigated several motor vehicle accidents relating to the fuel spill and DOT workers conducted highway cleanup efforts. One such accident resulted in moderate injuries sustained to an occupant of an involved vehicle.

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